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Market Turns Heavy on Profit Taking and Rail Labor Reports From Capital.

U. S. STEEL CLOSES AT 97

Heavier Buying of General Investment Securities Expected by Brokers.

Professional traders exerted pressure against stock market prices in the greater part of yesterday's session without accomplishing results in proportion to the energy expended on their operations. Their most effective work was done in the last hour of the session, when the general list was pushed well under the high levels reached in the early dealings and the prominent shares generally under the closing of the preceding day. Absence of active public buying and an apparent disposition on the part of substantial Wall Street interests to leave the market for the time being to its own devices, pending further developments in the railroad labor controversy, were the mainspring of bearish moves, although the trading element professed to find in the strength in the wheat and cotton markets excellent argument for lower prices.

"Big" men were not active on the bull side of speculation, but the general movement of the market reflected an underlying support in its capacity for the absorption of offerings. And in view of recent advances and the somewhat more pessimistic view of the situation in Washington in respect of the railroad dispute prices were relatively strong. Most of the stock sold by commission brokers represented profit-taking. In much of the selling in the last hour represented an extension of the short interest, chiefly in the railroad shares, some of the war stocks and United States Steel. Pressure against Steel, in which a large new short interest had been placed, was heavy, but nevertheless less than one-half point. Viewed from all angles the action of the market should encourage the idea that, barring the development of most depressing factors, prices for the greater number of issues will not change their general tendency from the direction of the present level.

Institutional money moved in greater volume into high grade securities, with a good demand for municipal bonds and attractive public utility issues. The success of the public subscription to the \$250,000,000 secured British loan encouraged investment houses in the purchase of other large issues. In the bond offerings, while it encourages also the belief that the British loan was not the last word in big financing for foreign Governments.

There is so much money in this country and there are so many prime investment securities available for market purposes that it is believed that funds will remain inactive or that a great volume will not be reflected in further expansion in speculative activity in the Stock Exchange, particularly as this big amount of money represents the results of heavy and successful business and financial operations.

In some quarters of the Street the idea was put forth that with the closing of the British loan subscription the big financial interests would withdraw their support from the stock market. The success of the loan presented to many minds, however, a most excellent reason why the financial powers would continue to favor conservative financial operations in securities. The general big men have many investment interests for which they desire a good market.

A big stock market generally brings in investment money and an opportunity to make a big stock market therefore is likely to be neglected. The immediate course of prices, however, appears dependent upon railway labor developments.

Professional traders said they were nervous over the outlook, meaning the railway labor situation. In banking parlors confidence in the belief that the railway workers' cause would not be upset by this labor dispute again was pronounced despite the rather bearish reports from Washington.

EX DIVIDEND TABLE.

Stock of Pass. **Rec'd. date.** **Amount.**

Tennants Corp. May 15th, 1916 Sept. 5 Oct. 1

Baird Steel Spring Co. May 15th, 1916 Sept. 5 Oct. 1

Atlantic & W. I. pf. May 15th, 1916 Sept. 5 Oct. 1

Boston & Albany pf. May 15th, 1916 Sept. 5 Oct. 1

Morgan & Co. & Co. Inc. May 15th, 1916 Sept. 5 Oct. 1

Kings Corp. Inc. May 15th, 1916 Sept. 5 Oct. 1

Galeana Signal Co. pf. Aug. 25 Sept. 1

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